Railway flyover bridge in Orissa

2136. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any plan for more railway flyover bridges at Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Jajpur-Keonjhar Road and Manapur in Orissa, as all National Highways are going to be four lane roads; and

(b) whether Railways also have plan to make all railway flyovers four lane road keeping in view the future development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. No proposal has been received either from National Highway Authority or State Govt.

(b) Policy already exists for construction of 4 lane Road over bridges (ROB) in lieu of those level crossings where traffic density has gone beyond 3 lakh TVUs with 6000 Road vehicle units (TVU -A unit obtained by multiplying the number of trains with the number of road vehicles passing over the level crossing in 24 hours). Even the existing ROBs with 2 lane width can be converted into 4 lane on cost sharing basis if traffic density reaches at 5 lakh TVUs with 10,000 Road vehicle units and proposals are sponsored by State Govt. concerned.

Appointment on compassionate ground

2137. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for appointment to different posts on compassionate ground are pending with Government alongwith the details of those applications division-wise;

(b) how many people have been given appointments, so far;

(c) whether Government is aware that some cases are pending for more than one year particularly from Agra division; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to expedite these applications so that the employees' families do not face hardships due to loss of bread winner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Conversion of major railway stations into international standards

2138. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of conversion of some major railway stations into international standard particularly New Delhi railway station and Mumbai railway station;

(b) the envisaged target for completion of these projects;

(c) the stations which have been identified for development in the next phase; and

(d) the likely dates for completion of the entire projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Master Plan and Feasibility Report of New Delhi has already been prepared. Request for Qualification for New Delhi station has been invited. Development of Master plan and Feasibility Report for Patna has been taken up. Work of appointment of Architectural-cum -Technical Consultancy for Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Mumbai is in hand. On account of the complexity involved in the Projects and necessity to undertake the work while keeping the station operational, re-development of stations would involve 5-6 years in each of aforesaid cases.

Other than the stations taken up for re-development as mentioned above, Secunderabad, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Agra, Anand Vihar & Bijwasan (Delhi), Baiyyappanahali (Bangalore), Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chandigarh, Chennai Central, Guwahati, Gaya, Howrah, Jaipur, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Mathura, Nagpur, Pune, Thiruvanthapuram, Tirupati & Varanasi have also been identified for re-development into World Class Stations. Railway are in the process of carrying out pre-feasibility studies. No target dates for completion of above have been fixed.

Ongoing/New railway projects in Tamil Nadu

2139. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing/new railway projects and surveys in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of funds allocated for the implementation of those projects and the number of projects of gauge conversion and laying of new lines completed in Tamil Nadu during the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for pending railway projects in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Details of ongoing/new projects felling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu alongwith outlay provided for these projects during 2008-09 are as under:-

Sl.No.	Project	Outlay (Rs. in crore)
1	2	3
New Line		
1	Karur-Salem (85Kms)	10.00
2	Bangalore-Satyamangalam (260 kms)	1.00
3	Tindivanam-Gingee-Tiruvannamalai (70 kms)	10.00
4	Tindivanam-Nagari (179.20kms)	29.97
5	Attipattu-Puttur (88.33 kms)	0.01
6	Erode-Palani (91.05kms)	0.01
7	Chennai-Cuddalore *via* Mahabalipuram (179.28 kms)	0.01
Gauge Conversion		
1	Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur & Tenkasi-Virudhunagar (357 kms)	92.00